

NATIONALS Unable to Meet Yankees BASEBALL Well-known Amateur BOXING Jeff Will Not Sign Articles Until Fall

RAIN POSTPONES NATIONALS GAME

Washington-New York Opening Booked for To-day.

GEORGETOWN GETS GRID STAR

"Curley" Byrd, of George Washington, Plans to Enter West Side Institution Next Fall—Clever Quarter Back Sure to Make Good—Jiggs Donahue Story Is Denied.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 2.

GAMES TO-DAY.

Washington at New York, Philadelphia at Boston, St. Louis at Cleveland, Detroit at Chicago.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	1	0	.100
New York	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
Boston	1	0	.100
St. Louis	0	1	.000
Cleveland	0	1	.000
Detroit	0	1	.000
Chicago	0	1	.000

Can'ton's crew didn't lose in New York yesterday. There was no game and there appears to be a slim chance of one to-day, as the skies tried to be good so long, but opened yesterday morning and have been raining ever since.

The opening ceremonies at the Hilltop Field had to be abandoned and will be pulled off to-day, weather permitting. A record-breaking crowd of Gotham fans was promised, as the hard-luck Yankees have been tossing out the human interest story so long that New Yorkers are curious to see just what sort of a team Stallings really has in line.

A local afternoon paper vouchsafed the inside info that Johnson would twist the opener. Manager Cantillon said Tuesday that Smith would open on the mound. It really makes very little difference, for the reason that Washington has a habit of copying all opening games. So it is hard to see where the over-estimated Highlanders have a chance to-day, or if postponement is necessary, to-morrow. Seriously speaking, possibly a change of battline will help the Nationals regain their batting eyes. Let us hope so, at any rate.

While the cry to the football season is a far cry, local gridiron fans will be interested to hear a little news regarding "Curley" Byrd, the sensational quarter back on George Washington's championship eleven last fall. Byrd is at present at Western Maryland, but in a letter to a friend in Washington says that he expects to continue his law studies, and has practically made up his mind to enter the law office of a prominent Washington lawyer, which means that he will be a candidate for the Hilltoppers' football team next fall, and he should have no trouble in clinching the job hands down.

There is a whole lot behind Byrd's decision to enter Georgetown that would make interesting reading to followers of the two Washington colleges, and which will probably be aired sooner or later. One thing is certain, Georgetown will have about the slickest little quarter back in the South on its eleven next fall—in addition to other players, whom we will mention later. Keep your eye on the Blue and Gray eleven during the following season.

The Washington Herald's Chicago correspondent sends the following, which is self explanatory:

Special to The Washington Herald. Chicago, April 21.—President Charles A. Comiskey, of the White Sox, was considerably surprised to-day to learn that he was negotiating with Joe Cantillon, of the Washington Club, for the sale or trade of "Jiggs" Donahue.

A story came from Springfield, Ohio, to-day saying that Donahue was visiting his mother there and that a deal was about to be closed for his transfer to the Nationals. It was alleged that "Commy" had offered to trade "Jiggs" for Pitcher Burns, but that Cantillon had declined and had countered with an offer to purchase the first baseman.

All of this is news to him, the old Roman says. Further than that he declared that he has had no correspondence with Cantillon, and he was surprised to know that Donahue had gone to Springfield.

In explanation of this, Comiskey said the player's mother had been ill for some time and that "Jiggs" had probably left for Springfield hurriedly overnight, as he reported to the Sox park for practice yesterday morning.

BOSTON WINS OPENER.

Philadelphia Trounced at Hub by 6-to-2 Score.

Boston, April 21.—Boston defeated the Athletics in the opening game of the American League season to-day. For eight innings Czech had the visitors guessing, but in the final session a single by Harris following two hits and Thoney's error allowed two runners to score. The weather was freezing cold. Boston displayed great speed on the bases. Gov. Draper and other notable attended the game. Score:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	1	0	.100
Philadelphia	0	1	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

St. Louis, 9; Cincinnati, 5.

GAMES TO-DAY.

Philadelphia at New York, St. Louis at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at Chicago, Brooklyn at Boston.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	1	0	.100
Cincinnati	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
New York	0	1	.000
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000
Chicago	0	1	.000
Boston	0	1	.000
Brooklyn	0	1	.000

CARDINALS BEAT REDS.

St. Louis, on a Wet Field, Wins Out 9 to 5.

Cincinnati, April 21.—In a game full of errors the Cardinals won from the Reds on a wet field, which was responsible for much of the misplaying. Bases on balls early in the game proved costly for the local team. Score:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	1	0	.100
Cincinnati	0	1	.000

MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At Indianapolis—Indianapolis, 11; Columbus, 4. At Louisville—Louisville, 1; Louisville, 4. At Kansas City—St. Paul, 12; Kansas City, 10.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

At New Orleans—New Orleans, 4; Memphis, 4. At Nashville—Nashville, 6; Atlanta, 3 (one game). At Montgomery—Montgomery, 3; Birmingham, 4. At Mobile—Mobile, 4; Little Rock, 3.

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

At Augusta—Augusta, 7; Augusta, 4. At Charleston—Charleston, 3; Columbia, 4. At Savannah—Savannah, 3; Savannah, 4. At Chattanooga—Chattanooga, 6; Macon, 5.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

At Annapolis—Navy, 6; Western Maryland, 1. At Durham, N. C.—Durham, 4; Guilford, 1. At New Haven—New Haven, 1; Portland, 2. At Worcester—Holy Cross, 2; Wesleyan, 0.

OTHER GAMES.

At Providence—Providence, 4; Brown, 0. At Amherst—Amherst, 9; Springfield, 0. At Exeter—Exeter, 3; Exeter, 0.

BASEBALL NOTES AND COMMENT

Go get 'em to-day, Nationals!

Someday please kick the weather man in the slats.

Washington and the Athletics are tied for the sixth place.

The Boston Red Sox handed Philadelphia a jolt yesterday.

Jack Kleinow, the New York American's catcher, is kicking on the spit-ball.

Tom McCarthy, the Cincinnati scout, will begin next week to size up the New England and Eastern League material for Clarke Griffith.

Jimmy Sebring and Manager Loumy of the Brooklyn team to Danvers Sunday to see Pitcher Eddie Doherty, of the old Pittsburgh team, who has not been in good health since 1903.

Manager Frank, of the New Orleans baseball club, has announced the unconditional release of Outfielder Jack Manning and the trading of Catcher Milo Stratton to Pittsburgh for Catcher Shriver.

Both Boston teams have started off for a clip. Bowerman's combination stand first in the National League race, while Fred Lake's team third in the American League rush to the front.

Says the New York Globe: "Taking him as a concrete proposition, George McBride, Cantillon's shortstop, is about as clever as they grow. No man playing the shortstop field to-day covers any more territory."

The National commission disposes of the bribery case by announcing that it will give the name of the chief offender to every club owner in the majors with instructions to bar him from all big league parks for all time.

The Detroit club has purchased for \$25,000 half of the land on which the Tigers now play and which is known as Bennett Park. It is proposed to buy the other half soon and a double-deck steel grand stand will then be erected.

Talk about your veterans, Manager O'Rourke has all the other old-time ball-tossers in active service beaten a mile. The "grand old man" has been playing professional ball since 1872, and was a Clam Digger, Bison, Giant, and Senator before purchasing the Bridgeport club.

President Comiskey has returned to Chicago from St. Louis, where he went to get ideas for the new grounds to be opened next year. Before plans are accepted for the 1910 plant, Comiskey intends to visit Shibe Park in Philadelphia, and the new Forbes Park in Pittsburgh.

War on the California State League, which is classed as an outlaw league, was declared by the national commission Monday. An assessment on the sixteen clubs of the two major leagues will be made to provide a substantial sum to be expended in the fight to be made on the California League.

A Chicago writer says: "Ward Miller, the Cub recruit turned over to Pittsburgh during the swapping season, appears to be one of the speediest gardeners in the game. He proved the headliner of the Wisconsin-Illinois League in 1908. The mighty Wagner was on deck with two hits, a stolen base and ten perfect pieces of fielding. He plays short in that same awkwardly clever manner that Jack Long has been the idol of all the fans. Jack Miller is a rangy player, with a decided penchant for hard hitting."

SPORTING SIDELIGHTS

By BILL BAILEY.

Jeffries picked out a poor season of the year to announce his intentions. With the baseball clubs going at full blast, who cares whether he fights Johnson or not?

Jack Johnson wouldn't find as much trouble securing accommodations if he confined himself to his own set.

BLOWING THE DANDELION DOWN. We need him, we need him not. We need him today, to-morrow not. And what we fought yesterday To-day we want to throw away. To-day the cry is "Get him back!" To-morrow it is "Take him back!"

It's funny to read some of the New York papers. The Evening World says, "One of the members of Stallings' bunch is smallopping down South."

A fine young race scandal has been unearthed in Los Angeles, and a thorough investigation is under way, which makes it look bad for two prominent jockeys and owners. It's a shame that the sure thing sports must figure everywhere.

"Gloomy Guy" Wade, the pool star who has twice beaten George Campbell, the handsomest player in the Royal Emporium, will shortly get all his sparring for Campbell says he can lick Wade with one hand tied behind him, and will bet on himself from the roof up. Please, Mr. Wade, make a noise like a lunch of real money and call the Royalist's strong-arm talk.

Now for a fresh start. Our Nationals struggle with the Highlanders in New York to-day, and in spite of the fact that Cantillon has been asked to Kewley, Tannehill, and Shipke, according to reports, Cantillon is pulling hard for that victory spite. Watch us.

"Old man Shibe," says Nix, "spent \$100,000 in building a great ball park for Philadelphia this year. It might be perhaps better had he saved a couple of dollars on the painting or some other minor detail and invested it in a ball team."

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT. You boys of the Nationals hunt for a stick Ten feet long and three feet thick. Get it, and get it done quick. And study and study and study the trick Of being the ball until it's dizzy and sick. Till it fades from sight like a pinched-out wick.

EPISCOPAL RESERVES WIN.

Capture Listless Contest in Drizzling Rain from Dupont A. C.

Alexandria, Va., April 21.—The strong second team of the Episcopal Athletic Club, of this city, had little difficulty in taking an uninteresting game from the Dupont Athletic Club of Washington, the score being 10 to 1.

The batteries of both teams, taking into consideration the fact that the game was played in a drizzling rain, did excellent work. Schow, for the local team, especially distinguished himself.

The feature of the game was the hitting of Jones, who swatted the ball to left field in the first inning with three men on bases, for what ought to have been the whole circuit, but was only good for three bags. Score:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Episcopal	1	0	.100
Dupont A. C.	0	1	.000

First base by error—D. A. C. 2; E. H. S. 1. Left base—D. A. C. 3; E. H. S. 1. Pitched by—Schow, 3; by Wood, 3; by Manning, 3; by Hillier, 4; Struck out—By Hillier, 1; by Schow, 2; by Wood, 4; Three-base hit—Jones. Double—Weigle. Hit by—Weigle. Umpire—Mr. Brown. Time of game—1 hour and 30 minutes.

JOHNSON VS. O'BRIEN.

Big Negro to Meet Philadelphia Jawa, Is Report.

Special to The Washington Herald. Pittsburgh, Pa., April 21.—Philadelphia scout O'Brien is to be the next opponent of Champion Jack Johnson. This statement is made on the authority of Johnson, who received a telegram to-night from Philadelphia asking to quote terms on the fight. While Johnson refused to quote the terms upon which he will fight, he said:

"I will, in all likelihood, meet O'Brien if the terms are satisfactory, but I want the fight to take place before I leave for London, May 25."

"How about O'Brien," was asked. "Will he speed better you?"

"I won't worry about Jack," said Johnson. "I intend to remain champion for some time."

If new arrangements are made, Johnson will fight Ketchell upon his return from England. This will likely be pulled off in Denver if the new convention hall can be secured.

KID SULLIVAN IN TRAINING.

Local Man Working Out Kinks in Preparation for Next Bout.

Immediately after the Schumacher-Bebe bout on Tuesday night, "Kid" Sullivan hied himself back to Berwyn where he will continue in training for his bout with "Harlem Tommy" Murphy, of New York, on next Tuesday night, before the Eureka Athletic Social Club.

The Washington boxer has never been satisfied from the moment his previous bout with Murphy ended, and his desire to get a return match with the Manhattan glove artist has been very strong. A misunderstanding about the "Kid" the fight, for he thought the referee had said "nine," when he had said "ten." "Sully" was up and ready to continue, but the referee could do nothing but award Murphy the fight, although the finish was a sad disappointment to every one of the spectators. It was a fluke, pure and simple.

Schumacher has returned to Berwyn with Sullivan and will continue to work with him there. The exceptional showing of the latest Harris' protégé has caused much favorable comment and Schumacher is considered the best "green" youngster that has shown here in years.

The Fourth Regiment Armory, where next Tuesday's bout will be held, is almost ideal. The ring will be pitched on an elevated platform in the center of the hall and will be easily seen from every part of the hall, both main floor and gallery.

Princeton Oarsmen Disappointed. Princeton, N. J., April 21.—The Princeton University oarsmen will have to wait a year longer before measuring sweeps with the men of other Eastern colleges.

That the Tigers be allowed to hold a dual race this spring on Lake Carnegie has been denied by the university faculty, who deemed it inadvisable, for the present, at least, that another intercollegiate activity be added to the sports.

TRACK MEET AT JAMESTOWN.

Stewards of National Jockey Club Sanction Meet from May 13 to 29.

New York, April 21.—At a meeting of the stewards of the Jockey Club to-day, the sanction of the stewards of the Jockey Club was granted to the Jamestown Jockey Club to give a race meeting from May 13 to May 23, inclusive, and the appointment of the following of field approved:

Judge and handicapper, Mr. Frank W. Thorp. Starter, Mr. James Milton. Clerk of the scales, Mr. James Johnson. Patrol judge, Mr. Ernest Hall.

Frank J. Bryan was appointed steward to represent the Jockey Club at the spring meeting of the Jamestown Jockey Club.

The sanction of the stewards was granted to the Maryland Jockey Club to change the dates of its autumn meeting from Friday, October 22, to Saturday, November 6, to Saturday, October 23, to Monday, November 8.

CAMPBELL HURLS OUT DEFI

Cue Expert on the Trail of One Gus Wade.

Has a Hint of the Long Green to Back His Superiority Over an Old-time Rival.

They're at it again! Who? Why, George Campbell and Gus Wade, expert cue artists, of this city, future De Oros, and then more. Wade can defeat Campbell, and Campbell can win from Wade, but neither can win from the other!

But many days will not have gone by before one or the other of our future greats will play groundhog. Challenges have been hurled forth from both camps for the past three or four decades, and strange to say neither party is wise.

And here's the latest. George Campbell, completely upset by defeats of the past, which should never have happened, but nevertheless did, comes forth, pocket overflowing with the long green, to back his ability to beat his old rival to a frazzle. "Why, that fellow can't play ping pong," saith George. "Nay," quoth he, "bring him forth and it shall be proven. Why, the nerve of the novice is surely surprising. Just wait!"

List, friend "Gus," greatest of the great, undefeated marvel in the eyes of the public, hearken to the cry of the enemy. Where is the nerve of bygone days? Can it be that you have acquired the gloomy gloom of a famous namesake? Will you starve for the irretrievable debt of a veteran rival? Speak, make known your intentions! Satisfy the mob to a man!

DOVEY IS REGARDED FOR TRIP.

Boston National Magnate Awarded Claim Against Trenton Club.

Cincinnati, April 21.—It is evident from a decision to-day by the national baseball commission that President George Dovey, of the Boston Nationals, did not make his trip to Cincinnati in vain.

The decision awards him his claim of \$300.93 against the Trenton club, of the Eastern League. The money is found to be due as the balance on accounts between the two clubs covering a series of deals.

Harry J. Mason, who played all of last season with the Troy club without signing a contract, has declared a free agent, and action was refused in the cases of H. C. Daringer, of the Dubuque club, and George Harm, of the Rockford (Ill.) club.

OFFERS PURSE FOR BIG FIGHT.

McCarry Makes Tempting Offer for Jeffries-Johnson Go.

Special to The Washington Herald. Los Angeles, Cal., April 21.—Upon receipt of the news that Jeffries had announced that he would fight Johnson, Manager McCarry, of the Pacific Athletic Club, this city, sent an offer of \$50,000, to Jeffries as his end of the purse—win, lose, or draw. Should the "big one" accept, a suitable proposition will be made to Johnson.

In case McCarry is successful in having the fight take place before his club, the contest will be held at the Vernon arena, formerly owned by the Jeffries Athletic Club, and probably will be carded for five-fifty rounds.

EASTERN LEAGUE SEASON ON.

Teams Are Primed for Race, Which Promises to Be Close.

The Eastern League season opens to-day with Rochester playing at Baltimore; Buffalo at Jersey City; Toronto at Newark and Montreal at Providence. Reports are to the effect that all teams are in great shape for the games to-day and are ready for what is expected to be the closest race in the history of the league.

Baltimore, last year champions, have lost a number of the best players, who were graduated to the big leagues. The greatest loss is that of Jack Knight, an shortstop, who has landed an infield berth with the New York Americans. Lewis, a new man is counted on to fill the vacancy, and the chances of the Orioles to win the championship for a second time will be largely responsible to the youngster's ability to make good.

Piedmont White Sox Ready.

The Piedmont White Sox ball team, under the management of Charles E. Williams, would like to arrange games with all uniformed clubs in or out of the city. The team is composed of the following players: Campbell, Pondexter, Catchers: Ford, Brady, Stevens, Epps, and Jones, pitchers; Ross, first base; Ray, second base; Scott, shortstop; Barbow, third base; Mathews, Porter, and Tolliver, outfielders.

STRIKES AND SPARES

TWO-MAN TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

The first series last night in the two-man tournament was a see-saw affair. Knox and Thomas winning the deciding game, each bowler going over 200.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Knox	1	0	.100
Thomas	0	1	.000

Totals..... 389 343 410 373 403-1938
Rodrick..... 159 139 182 234 194-1263
Miller..... 191 203 168 184 171-1207
Totals..... 349 402 370 418 368-1705

Field and Brosnan at last seem to be rolling in form, capturing four out of five from Ward and Hartman, going in third place.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Field	1	0	.100
Brosnan	0	1	.000

Totals..... 420 371 415 361 394-1851
Ward..... 136 171 210 182 136-923
Hartman..... 173 194 146 196 136-910
Totals..... 229 366 358 377-1,633

WILL SIGN IN THE FALL

Jeff's Theatrical Engagement in Way of Agreement.

JOHNSON TO DODGE KETCHELL

Negro Jumps at Chance to Make a Tentative Agreement, Written or Verbal, for a Bout to Be Decided Within a Year to Offset Britt's Offer—Jeffries Disturbed.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, April 21.—The proposed Jeffries-Johnson fight will not be formally arranged until some time next fall, if then. Jeffries says that by the terms of his theatrical contract, which expires on July 24, he cannot sign articles of agreement for a battle with anybody.

As Jeffries also insists that he is the undefeated heavy-weight champion of the world, he does not see why he should issue a formal challenge to Johnson for a mill, nor can he understand why he should be compelled to cover Johnson's forfeit money.

In a word, Jeffries intends to take his own time about making a match with the negro—if one is possible under conditions that may arise—and the boiler-maker will not be ready for action until some time next March or April. Under no circumstances will he consent to an earlier date for his reappearance in the ring if he makes one.

Wants Tentative Agreement. Johnson, however, has jumped at the chance to make a tentative agreement, even verbally, with Jeff for a mill to be decided a year hence, for he believes that he can offset the criticism that is hurled at him just at present for sidestepping Langford and Kaufman and for making a match with Ketchell. Johnson appears ready to cancel or rather dodge out of the match with Ketchell, now that he can tell the fighting world that he is going to fight Jeff, but if he does take such action the negro may find himself in more trouble.

Willus Britt, Ketchell's manager, said to-day that if Johnson did not fight Ketchell at Colma on October 12, the latter would collect the negro's \$5,000 forfeit, which it was agreed should go as a side bet on the result of the mill with Ketchell. Johnson, therefore, has no \$5,000 forfeit up to him a match with Jeffries, in spite of his assertion that the \$5,000 forfeit which Ketchell covered some time ago, and which resulted in the signing of articles, which must be covered by the boiler-maker, too. If Johnson wishes to clinch a match with Jeff, therefore, he will have to post another \$5,000 forfeit, and he will also lose \$5,000 to Ketchell unless he fights the latter in October.

There is no doubt that Jeff was somewhat disturbed yesterday when he learned that Johnson was ready to throw over the Ketchell match. While Jeff says he does not believe that Ketchell can defeat Johnson, it is known that he is anxious to have the negro stack up against the Michigan lion if only as a trial bout.

ATHLETIC MEETING AT TECH

Held to Arouse Interest in Baseball and Track Teams.

Managers, Captains, and Coaches Call Attention of Student Body to Grave Situation.

A meeting of the athletic association was held at the McKinley Manual Training School yesterday afternoon for the purpose of arousing interest in the baseball and track teams. The present situation in both departments has caused the athletic authorities no end of worry, and a meeting was decided on as the best way to remedy conditions.

Speeches were made by the captains, managers, and coaches of the teams, in which an appeal was made to the student body at large to take more interest in the sports than has been manifested in the past few weeks.

The baseball team has thus far played in bad luck, having lost a number of the best players through disqualifications and injuries. From the present outlook the team has little or no chance to capture the high school pennant, and will be lucky to get second honors in the race. The speakers emphasized the fact that the situation is more serious than many suspect, and that unless the student body is interested in the situation in time, "Tech" will experience the worst season in its history.

During the first few months of the school year the track team was formed and each day a large number of athletes trained faithfully with one object in view—to give Central a rub in the annual high school spring meet. For a while things progressed nicely, and the team made an excellent showing in several indoor meets. But suddenly interest in the team began to fall off until but a few faithful remained to hold up the honors of the school in this branch of sport.

Capt. Spransy, in his remarks, dwelt on the above facts, and called the attention of the candidates to the fact that the high school meet is but a few weeks off, and that good form can only be attained by several weeks of practical and consistent training. A canvass of the male contingent of the school will be made to-day in an effort to arouse interest in the sport.

Harvard Wins at Lacrosse.

South Bethlehem, Pa., April 21.—Harvard won from Lehigh's Lacrosse team to-day, 4 to 3. Starting out with magnificent stick work, Lehigh scored in less than one minute after play started. It was nip and tuck until the end of the second half, when at a critical moment Lehigh's defense failed and Harvard scored the goal that won the game.

Logan A. C. Wants Games.

The Logan Athletic Club would like to arrange games with teams averaging thirteen years. Address all challenges to David F. Wildmayer, 1313 Twelfth street northwest.

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